years is as follows :

(Rs. lakhs)

Heads of Development	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Proposed by State	Approved by P.C.	Proposed by State	Approved by P.C.	Proposed by State	Approved by P.C.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Agriculture and Allied Activities	13933	13933	13933	13933	15750	16600
Rural Development	5225	5210	5805	5965	9600	9600

The proposed amount by the State and approved outlay under both Sectors are almost the same.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme

3772. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to implement a new Voluntary Retirement Scheme in order to retire the employees from Central Government Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of old retirement scheme and the golden handshake scheme of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) Government servants on completion of 20 years qualifying service can seek voluntary retirement under 48-A of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 by giving notice of not less than three months in writing to the appointing authority. Such officers are allowed addition to qualifying service for the purposes of pension for a period not exceeding five year subject to the condition that the qualifying service rendered by the Government servant does not exceed 33 years and it does not take him beyond the date of superannuation.

No golden handshake scheme is in force in the Central Government.

C.A.G. Report

3773. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of audit reports prepared by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India relating to Department of Programme Implementation since its inception in 1985;

(b) whether the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation asked the C & A.G. to prepare a "Special Report" or carry out a "Detailed Review" of the Department of Programme Implementation especially to fix the responsibility for allowing over and upto 100% cost escalation in various major and mega projects during the last three years ending March, 1995; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has not prepared any audit Report relating to Department of Programme Implementation since its inception in 1985.

(b) The DPI has not asked the C & AG for the preparation of a "Special Report" or "Detailed Review" of the Department to fix responsibility for allowing 100% cost escalation in various major and mega projects.

(c) The DPI is an apex level agency for monitoring of central sector projects which are administratively covered under various ministries/departments. The cost estimates of the projects are sanctioned by the Government or by the Public Sector Undertakings under delegated powers. The funds are released by the respective Ministries/Departments or by the Public Sector Undertakings. The DPI is not connected with sanction of projects, release of funds or expenditure of funds.

Allotment of Kerosene

3774. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Kerosene oil depots in Kernal, Panipat and Kurukshetra districts of Haryana;

(b) whether these depots are sufficient to meet the needs of the people;

(c) whether kerosene oil is available in full quantity to meet the requirement of the people or there is any need to enhance the quantity of oil and the oil depots; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure the availability of kerosene oil to the villagers as due to them in full quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Panel of Deputy Secretaries

3775. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the panel of Deputy Secretaries from the Central Secretariat Service Cadre has not been released for the last three years;

(b) whether vacancies earmarked for these officers have been utilised by officers belonging to other services;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to declare the panels of Deputy Secretaries for Central Secretariat Services for the years 1993 to 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (d). On account of ongoing litigations in the Central Administrative Tribunal/ Supreme Court since 1987, regarding the seniority of officers in the Section Officer's grade, it has not been possible to make regular appointments to the Under Secretary's grade and, consequently, it has not been possible to bring out the Selection Grade Select List (Deputy Secretary's grade). Action for holding of the Departmental Promotion Committee meetings for effecting promotion to the Under Secretary's grade has been initiated with the Union Public Service Commission.

(b) and (c). The posts of Deputy Secretary in the Central Secretariat fall within the purview of the Central Staffing Scheme. Under this scheme, vacancies are not earmarked for any service. Officers on offer for deputation from the participating services - All India Services/Central Services Group 'A'/Central Secretariat Service - are all considered for appointment against available vacancies.

LPG Connection

3776. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters received during the last six months by the Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation for the allotment of gas connections to the gas agencies which have not been allotted any fresh connections during the past ten years since the opening up of these agencies; and

(b) the time by which these connections are likely to be sanctioned to enable such agencies to clear the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). Requests are received from time to time by the Oil Corporation from their distributors, including by IOC, for release of additional connections. New LPG connections are released to the distributors depending upon the availability of LPG, new customer enrolment plan, waiting list, slack available with the distributor their viability, and their entitlement.

Illegal Construction

3777. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of massive illegal construction in Masjid Moth (Opp. Uday Park);

(b) whether it is permissible to have multi-storied building in Lal Dora Land for commercial purposes;

(c) if so, the number of cases detected in the above area and the action taken for demolition of all such unauthorised buildings; and

(d) the time by which the action is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a), (c) & (d). The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that during the current year four cases of unauthorised constructions have been detected by it in the area in question. The unauthorised constructions have been booked under the D.M.C. Act. Demolition action is taken by M.C.D. as per its policy.

(b) The M.C.D. has reported that Masjid Moth in an urban village. Construction in this village is permissible as per the development plan prepared for the village with ground coverage, F.A.R. and height as per the norms given in Master Plan of Delhi-2001 for the specific use of the plot under reference after the approval of the concerned local body/M.C.D.

Fixation of Seniority

3778. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria followed for fixation of seniority in CPWD;

(b) whether it is a fact that in CPWD seniority is fixed by date of joining and not on merit list;